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Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence

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Coalition Type

Domestic Violence

Year Formed

1981

Year Incorporated

1981

Staff

2 full-time-equivalent staff members

Fiscal Year

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Coalition Type

Dual

Year Formed

1991

Year Incorporated

1991

Staff

5 full-time-equivalent staff members

Fiscal Year

June 1995 - July 1996

Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Member Programs and Services

The Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence is composed of 22 member programs. Of the twenty-two programs, two report themselves to be dual programs, offering both domestic violence and sexual assault services. According to the information provided by the coalition, there are no other domestic violence programs operating in Arkansas.

Almost all member programs offer a domestic violence hotline and on-site shelters for abused women. Various support groups and legal advocacy programs are also well represented. Less prevalent programs include education and prevention services at the elementary, middle, high school, and university levels; treatment/rehabilitation services for batterers; and medical advocacy programs. No programs reported having services for non-sheltered children (see exhibit 1).

Several member programs, including the two dual programs, reported having specific program components to serve the needs of children. In addition, one dual program reported pregnant teens as another population to which they offer specific services. Exhibit 1 shows the range of domestic violence services offered by the coalition member programs.

**Exhibit 1. Number of coalition member programs (N=22)
offering various domestic violence services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
21	Independently run domestic violence hotline
19	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
16	Support group for women
13	Legal advocacy program
5	Medical advocacy program
8	Specific support program for sheltered children
0	Services for non-sheltered children
1	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
2	Education programs in colleges or universities
8	Community education/speakers bureau
3	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
4	Transitional/second-stage housing
1	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
0	Other services

Each of the two dual domestic violence/sexual assault member programs reported that 75 to 80 percent of the services they offer are domestic violence specific, with 20 to 25 percent of the services devoted to sexual assault. Exhibit 2 illustrates the extent of sexual assault services offered by the two dual member programs of the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

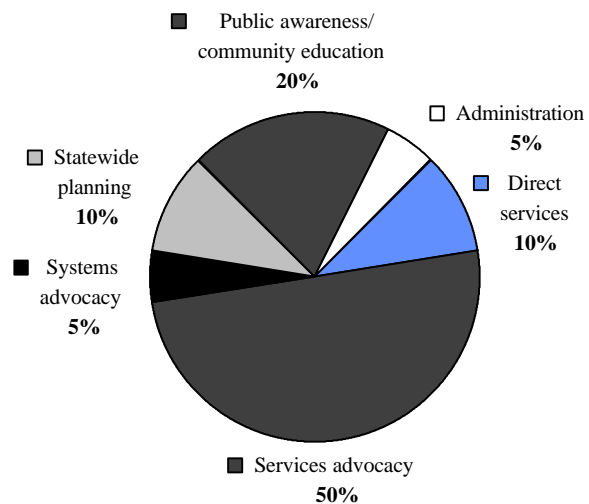
**Exhibit 2. Number of coalition member programs (N=2)
offering various sexual assault services**

Number of programs	Service
0	Independently run sexual assault hotline
2	One-on-one counseling
2	Support group for adult women
2	Support group for teenage girls
0	Support group for male victims
2	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
0	Secondary support group for spouses/partners
0	Secondary support group for parents of victims
2	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
1	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
1	Legal advocacy program
2	Medical advocacy program
1	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
0	Education programs in colleges or universities
1	Community education/speakers bureau
1	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
0	Technical assistance
0	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
0	Other services

**Domestic Violence Coalition
Operations**

Half of the Arkansas coalition's efforts in fiscal year 1995 were spent on services advocacy. The next largest expenditure of time and money was public awareness and community education, taking up one fifth of the coalition's efforts. The remaining 30 percent was divided between direct services, systems advocacy, statewide planning, and coalition administration. Figure 1 illustrates how the Arkansas domestic violence coalition appropriated its efforts among each type of state coalition operations.

Figure 1. Percentage of effort allocated at the domestic violence coalition level among various operations


Special Projects of the Domestic Violence Coalition

The Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence reported one special project during its most recently completed fiscal year.

Law Enforcement Training

Description: The coalition created, developed, and team taught domestic violence courses at the academy and to middle management through the Criminal Justice Institute.

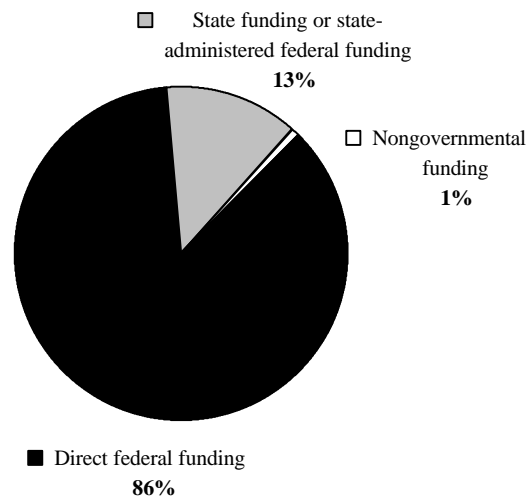
Purpose: Systems advocacy

Funding source: Federal funding

Domestic Violence Coalition Funding

The budget for the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence falls into the first quartile of total funding (funding less than \$70,000) when compared to other state-wide domestic violence coalitions in this inventory. As shown in figure 2, the bulk of the funds for fiscal year 1994-95 came directly from the federal government, with the state-administered funds and nongovernmental funds comprising a relatively small portion of the budget. The coalition passed no funds to member programs and retained none for the next fiscal year. All funding was kept in-house to support the work of the state coalition and its special projects.

Figure 2. Funding sources and percentage of funds: Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence



Federal and State Funding

The coalition received all of its federal funding through their state coalition grant under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) (see exhibit 3). This grant represents nearly 90 percent of the coalition's total funding in 1995.

Coalition funds administered by state of Arkansas came in the form of a state formula grant, also under the FVPSA.

Exhibit 3. Sources of government funding reported by the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State funding or state-administered federal funding</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state coalition grant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant

Nongovernmental Funding Sources

The sole source of nongovernmental funding was the collection of membership dues from local programs (see exhibit 4).

Exhibit 4. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence	
General membership dues	100%

*Nongovernmental funding was 1% of total funding.

Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence

The Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence is not a true coalition, as described in other chapters in this inventory. The Arkansas General Assembly created this commission in 1991, merging the Governor's Task Force on Rape, the Arkansas Child Sexual Abuse Commission, and the Governor's Advisory Committee on Crime into one organization. The Commission has 26 appointees, including representatives from many state agencies and from statewide victims' services and advocacy programs, as well as professionals from the fields of medicine, mental health, education, and law. As can be deduced from the name, the Commission addresses both sexual assault and domestic violence issues.

Member Programs and Services

Because the Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence is not truly a coalition, it has no member programs. However, all agencies that receive funds from the Commission are invited to participate as members of the rape and domestic violence subcommittees.

To help researchers understand its role in the prevention of violence against women, the commission provided a guide entitled *Arkansas Resources Guide for Rape Victims*. This guide supplies, among other things, a list of toll-free telephone numbers to various national and statewide agencies and lists the Commission's appointees and the agencies they represent. It also provides contact information for 11 statewide service agencies, 34 victim/witness programs, and 39 community organizations providing aid to rape victims. The guide also references agencies that work together to manage child abuse cases and 71 mental health counseling centers. In addition, the Commission manages a resource library of books, publications, and instructional videotapes related to domestic violence and sexual assault.

The listing in the *Arkansas Guide for Rape Victims* of community organizations that aid rape victims includes a brief description of the services offered by each program. The most prevalent service listed was victim advocacy. Crisis intervention, public education, and counseling are provided by some programs. Individual programs offered other services such as statistical reports, training, prevention, films, and grantwriting. Nine programs noted that they have either a toll-free number or a 24-hour crisis hotline.

In a separate listing for victims and/or witnesses of sexual assault, services include crisis intervention, support, advocacy, transportation, and accompaniment services. In addition, these programs may offer victims and witnesses with services such as notification of court proceedings, property return, and intercession with employers or community organizations.

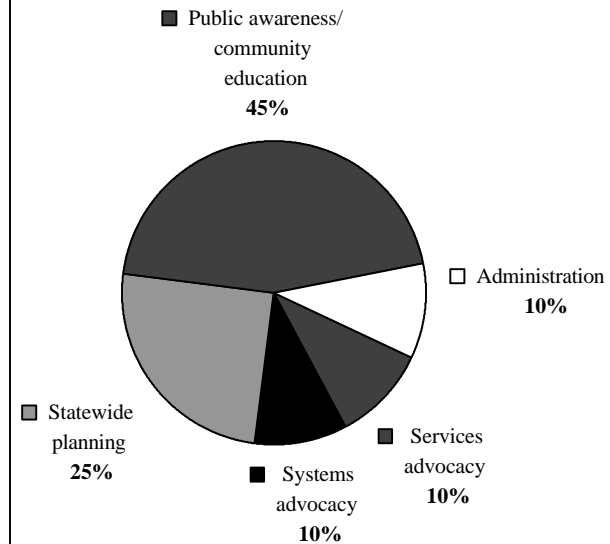
Sexual Assault Coalition Operations

Figure 3 shows that about half of the Commission's efforts in fiscal year 1995-96 were focused on public awareness/community education. Statewide planning also took up a sizable portion of the Commission's efforts. The Commission allotted 10 percent of their efforts to each of the following operation types: services advocacy, systems advocacy, and administration.

Special Projects of the Sexual Assault Coalition

The Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence completed numerous projects during the June 1995 through July 1996 fiscal year. State or federal funds provided the financial backing for all projects.

Figure 3. Percentage of effort allocated at the sexual assault coalition level among various operations



Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Information Cards

Description: The Commission produced business cards. One side of the card provides telephone numbers for information about domestic violence. The opposite side of the card provides telephone numbers for information about sexual assault.

Purpose: Public awareness/community education

Funding source: State funding

Protocol Manual and Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Training

Description: The commission developed a 200-page manual of emergency room protocol for emergency room doctors, nurses, and advocates. Training to accompany the manuals occurred statewide via the hospitals' closed-circuit television.

Purpose: Systems advocacy

Funding source: Federal funding

Male Rape Exam Video

Description: This is the first video produced on the subject of male rape exams in the United States. Its aim is to train doctors and nurses in forensic examination.

Purpose: Systems advocacy

Funding source: Federal funding

Resource Manual for Rape Victims

Description: This is a manual for rape victims that includes statewide resources for medical and legal services and a listing of all service providers for rape victims. It also includes bibliographies and source material listings.

Purpose: System advocacy

Funding source: State funding

Television and Radio Public Service Announcements

Description: The public service announcements addressed the myths and realities of rape.

Purpose: Public awareness/community education

Funding source: Federal funding

Date Rape Curriculum

Description: The curriculum includes exercises, slides, and video tapes aimed at raising awareness and preventing date rape. The curriculum is applicable to many male and female audiences, at the middle school, high school, and college levels. Issues such as communication, power dynamics, gender stereotypes, and the influence of alcohol and drugs are addressed through the different components of the curriculum.

Purpose: Public awareness/community education

Funding source: Federal funding

Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence Brochure

Description: This is an informative brochure about the activities and services offered by the Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence

Purpose: Public awareness/community education

Funding source: State funding

Seminar for Service Providers - Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Description: This seminar is a yearly 2-day training for service providers that is provided at no cost. The location of the trainings vary.

Purpose: Services advocacy

Funding source: Federal funding

Training Manual for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Description: The *Training Manual for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault* is the manual used by the Commission staff to conduct service provider trainings.

Purpose: Systems advocacy

Funding source: State funding

Quarterly Newsletter for Service Providers

Description: The newsletter reports on new trends and alerts its recipients to available trainings and grants.

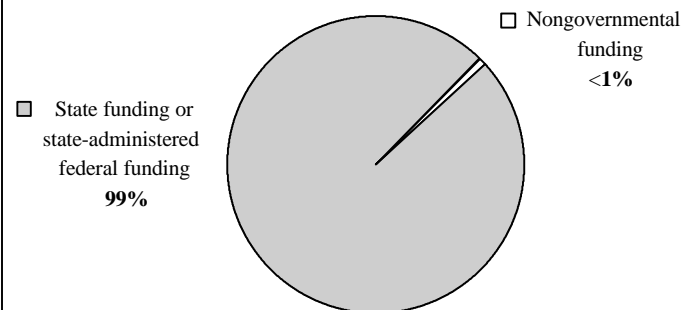
Purpose: Direct services

Funding source: State funding

Sexual Assault Coalition Funding

The Commission's main source of revenue was funding administered by the state of Arkansas. The remainder of the budget (less than 1 percent) came from nongovernmental sources (figure 4). When comparing this budget to the budget of sexual assault coalitions in other states, the Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence falls into the highest quartile (funding greater than \$200,000).

Figure 4. Funding sources and percentage of funds: Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence



Federal and State Funding

The Commission received state-administered funding from four different sources (see exhibit 5). The greatest portion of money came from another state agency, the Arkansas Department of Health. The Department of Health passed funds appropriated by the federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to the Commission. This funding alone composed about 58 percent of the Commission's 1995-96 budget. The state also administered a Social Service Block Grant and a Preventive Health Block Grant. Appropriated funds and/or general starter funds contributed to about 14 percent of the budget.

Although the report concerning the Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence refers to the Arkansas Department of Health as passing Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funds into that organization, the Arkansas Department of Health is not included as a state agency in this inventory. The Arkansas Department of Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence reported funding for June 1995 through July 1996. Researchers contacted the Arkansas Department of Health during the previous 1994-95 fiscal year, and at that time the Department of Health had not received or distributed VAWA or other funding for domestic violence or sexual assault programming and prevention. Based on the 1994-95 fiscal year, the Arkansas Department of Health was ineligible for this report. VAWA funding was later distributed to the Arkansas Department of Health in fiscal year 1995-96.

Exhibit 5. Sources of government funding reported by the Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State funding or state-administered federal funding</u>
None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventive Health Block Grant • Social Services Block Grant • Appropriated funds and/or general state funds • Redistribution of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funds from the Arkansas Department of Health

Nongovernmental Funding Sources

The Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence received a small amount of funding from nongovernmental sources. Nongovernmental funding represented less than 1% of their total budget.

Exhibit 6. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by the Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
Foundation or corporate grants	100%

*Nongovernmental funding was less than 1% of total funding.

Funds Passed to Local Programs

The Commission passed 69 percent of its fiscal year 1995-96 revenues to programs and agencies that provide direct services. All of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding from the Arkansas Department of Health and three-quarters of the Preventive Health Block Grant funding were passed out of the Commission. The remaining money was kept in-house to pay staff salaries and to cover administrative costs. The commission retained no money for future fiscal years.

Arkansas State Government Agencies

One state government agency was identified as a provider of funds for preventing violence against women in fiscal year 1994-95

**State of Arkansas,
Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator**

Fiscal year: October 1994-September 1995

During its last fiscal year, the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator received a total of \$699,000 from the federal government to combat domestic violence and sexual assault in Arkansas. Money for domestic violence services came from a Family Violence Prevention and Services Act state formula grant (\$204,000) and from funds made available through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) (\$390,000). VOCA funds also provided the Office of Prosecutor Coordinator with \$106,000 for sexual assault programs. This agency distributed \$572,000 of domestic violence funds to local nonprofit/ nongovernmental agencies. The remaining \$21,000 went to the state's domestic violence coalition. All monies set aside for sexual assault were made available to local nonprofit/nongovernmental agencies.

**Federal and State Funding Reported by
Arkansas State Government Agencies**

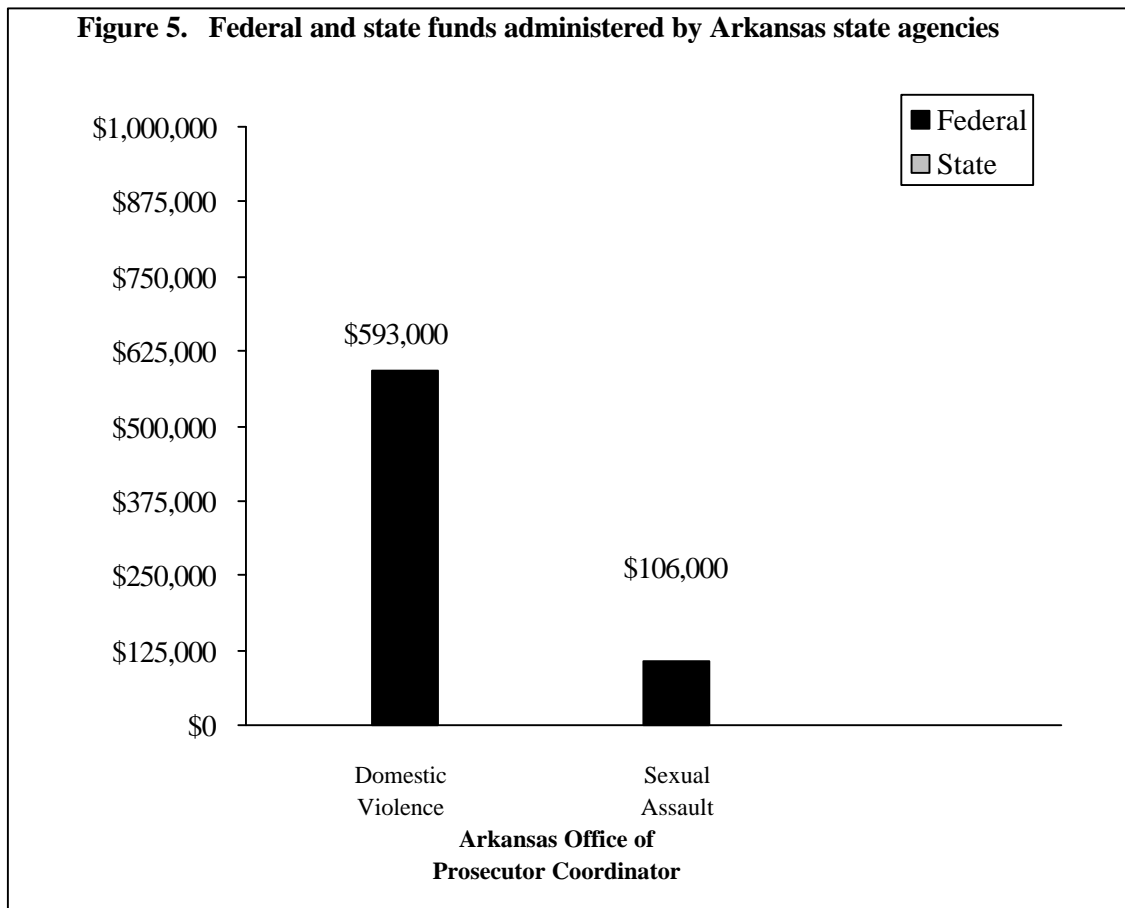
As reported in the previous section, the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator received all money for the prevention of violence against women from the federal government and none from state generated sources. From this agency alone, \$699,000 was distributed to domestic violence and sexual assault programs (exhibit 7).

Exhibit 7. Federal and state funding totals reported by Arkansas state agencies	
Federal	\$699,000
State	\$0
Total	\$699,000

Exhibit 8 shows that all of the federal funding was made available through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) and the Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA). VOCA provided \$106,000 in sexual assault funding and an additional \$390,000 for domestic violence. FVPSA augmented domestic violence funding by \$204,000, bringing the total amount available for domestic violence services and prevention to \$593,000.

Exhibit 8. Sources of government funding reported by Arkansas state agencies	
<u>Federal funds</u>	<u>State funds</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant - \$204,000 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - \$495,000 	None

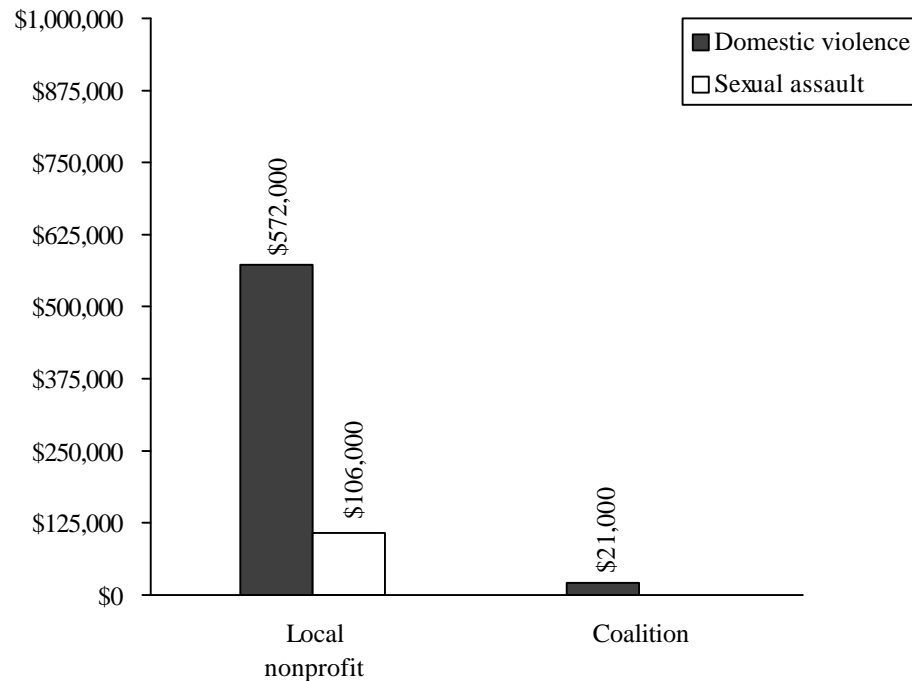
The majority of funds received from the federal government by the Arkansas Office of Prosecutor Coordinator was earmarked for domestic violence services and programs. Altogether, about 85 percent of available funds was allotted to domestic violence programs, with the remainder set aside for sexual assault programs (see figure 5).



Distribution of State-Administered Funds

Overall, more state-administered funding was dedicated to domestic violence programs than to sexual assault programs (see figure 6). The great majority of state-administered funds went to local nonprofit/nongovernmental domestic violence programs and to the state domestic violence coalition. About 82 percent of the states funds went to local nonprofit/nongovernmental domestic violence agencies, and 15 percent was allocated to local nonprofit/nongovernmental sexual assault agencies. A bit of money, about 3 percent, was distributed to the state coalition against domestic violence.

Figure 6. Direct recipients of funding for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention distributed through Arkansas state agencies



Local Programs and Services Funded Through State Agencies

The Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator reported funding six local sexual assault programs either directly or through local nonprofit/nongovernmental agencies. None of them were members of the local sexual assault coalition. Based on the reports of these three organizations, 2 are dual domestic/violence sexual assault programs and 4 concentrate solely on the issue of sexual assault. One dual program discerned that it devoted 60 percent of its services to domestic violence and 40 percent to sexual assault. The other dual program was unable to report in this area. When queried about specific program components for special populations, about half of the programs named incest victims and one program named abused children.

Between the two dual local programs, many of the inventoried domestic violence services were offered. Sexual assault services are also well covered, with the majority of services being offered by at least half of the local noncoalition programs (exhibits 9 and 10).

**Exhibit 9. Number of local programs (N=2)
offering various domestic violence services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
2	Independently run domestic violence hotline
2	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
1	Support group for women
2	Legal advocacy program
2	Medical advocacy program
0	Specific support program for sheltered children
1	Services for non-sheltered children
2	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
1	Education programs in colleges or universities
2	Community education/speakers bureau
2	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
1	Transitional/second-stage housing
0	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
1	Other services(<i>emergency housing for one-night or long-term stays</i>)

**Exhibit 10. Number of local programs (N=6)
offering various sexual assault services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
6	Independently run sexual assault hotline
6	One-on-one counseling
6	Support group for adult women
1	Support group for teenage girls
2	Support group for male victims
5	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
4	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
3	Secondary support group for parents of victims
6	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
6	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
4	Legal advocacy program
3	Medical advocacy program
5	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
4	Education programs in colleges or universities
5	Community education/speakers bureau
6	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
5	Technical assistance
0	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
2	Other services (<i>72-hour followup for women with families that includes dinner and in-home counseling upon victim's request, community education program for women who work in factory or industrial settings</i>)

